

2/21/2020

Shannon Christian, Director
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families
330 C Street, SW – Room 4522
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Christian:

Re: Planned Use of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) Funds Report.

On behalf of the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island, please except this letter as our Planned Use of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) Funds Report.

1) Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

The lead agency will plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct child care services, including child care subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus. If the lead agency receives applications from tribal members to do so.

2) Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

The lead agency will plan to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to child care providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The lead agency will provide needed PPE, cleaning supplies to clean and disinfect, health and safety screening guidelines, the supplies to comply with screenings, social distancing strategies, hand sanitizer to help with healthy hand hygiene behavior, signage easily identifiable with COVID requirements and restrictions.

3) Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

The lead agency will plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the child care sector to help child care providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The lead agency will use funds to hire a CCDF Program Administrator on St. Paul Island.

4) **Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic**

As required in CRRSA, the lead agency will plan to use a portion of funds appropriated in CRRSA to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible child care providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency when they apply to the program for such help.

5) **Other**

At this time the lead agency does not plan to use a portion of CRRSA child care funds for any other activities or assistance not described above. If and when the agency identifies other areas of need, we will discuss the options with our CCDF program manager to ensure the activities are eligible.

Sincerely

/s/

Amos Philemonoff, Sr.
President (Tribally Designated Official)